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ADA N. (L. D.) Blooms 11x5. One of the new ones. Lovely fuchia purple with massive broad petals, this naturally grows mighty large, a prolific bloomer, makes a big hit with those that want them big	1.25	D-DAY (Dec.) Bloom 7 x 4, bush 4½ ft. A very pretty one-tone bright rose or rhodamine pink. Has cane-like stems, is prolific, and fine for florists' use. As a cut flower we have more demand for this in our Battle Creek market than for Jersey Beauty. On the Honor Roll	
alice MAY (I. D.) Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed	.75	DEUIL DU ROI ALBERT (Bel 84B), FD, E, Bloom 6x4, Bush 3½ ft. An outstanding bi-color of orchid or petunia purple tipped white. A very early and incessant bloomerRoot	
ARTHUR GODFREY (Pitt-Dahl 86A), 1951, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A success all over this country and abroad, especially for its immense size and is a real winner in the largest bloom class. The name pleased its owner and did much toward gaining such high recognition. A beautiful Orient red with orange or buff shadings. On 3 Honor Rolls, and certified at Atlanta and Rutgers. Grows 11 x 6 not disbudded in		FIVE STAR GENERAL, Bloom 10x7, Bush 5 ft. A most pleasing blend of light amaranth pink edged and shaded soft canary yellow. One of the very best and largest for exhibition. Consistent bloomer. Derrill Hart Medal Winner certifying at 3 Trial Grounds	
ordinary field culture. Wonderful vitality, rugged foliage, and blooms from early to lateRoot	.75	FLORISTS' BEAUTY (F. D.) A fine commercial bi-color variety. Color is purple with white tips. Extraordinary keeping qualitiesRoot	
AVALON—Informal Decorative. Clear canary yellow of cut flower size. We cut four to six-foot stems last season which held the bloom erect. Late in the season it is a wonderful dahlia	.40	GALLANT FOX (F. D.) A leading commercial red that should be included in every Dahlia planting. One of the few Dahlias that can be successfully marketed in the hottest weather	.50
ALL AMERICAN (S.C.) A large mulberry rose with a slight yellow at base of petals. The deep flowers are very attractive on stiff stems.	.50	GOLDEN TREASURE (F. D.) All that the name implies—a lovely gold variety. Greatly in demand by florists for cut flower work. A splendid keeper for cutting or exhibition. Size 8x4	.50
BLUE RIVER Bloom 9 x 3, Bush 4 ft. Soft phlox purple or bluish mauve. Fine bush and strong foliage. Distinctive in color and popular. Has won many prizes	.50	HASLEROVA—Informal Decorative. Bi-color, grayish white background with rich royal purple dots and splashesRoot	.75
CALIFORNIA IDOL (I. D.) The best yellow dahlia introduced in 1935. Huge blooms on the best of stems. Winner of many prizes during the past season and surely a winner again this season in the giant bloom classes	.60	HILL'S PINK SUPREME (I. D.) Hill 1939. The dahlia for the millions, back again after a sell-out in 1955. The longest stem dahlia growing today. The greatest pink since the advent of jersey beauty, very prolific, insect proof, grows for everybody in all sections of the country	1.00
CHEROKEE BRAVE (Ricks-Dahl 86A), Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 5½ ft. Blooms are a rich oxblood red shaded Tyrian purple at times, that hold their color well in the sun. Does well everywhere and is still considered an outstanding red. The blooms grow naturally to extra large size. One of our best introductions. Bush growth strong and foliage heavy. Award		HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (I. D.) Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright violet burgundy which under some lights looks royal purple. Roots	
of Honor, Ga	.75	INCADESCENT (Weyers-Parella, (I. D.) The color is rich rosy buff with a shading of yellow reverse light old rose. Scored 85 at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Large blooms on cane-like stems make this a real attraction. Roots	.75
toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush ruggedRoots	.75	JANE COWL (Downs) (I. D.) An immense flower of buff; produced on long stiff stems. Won several medalsRoot	.50
COMMANDO (F. D., 1943) Golden Rule. A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems	.50	JERSEY'S BEAUTY (F. D.) Bloom 6x4, bush 6½ ft. Probably the most popular of any dahlia, especially as a cut flower. The ideal pink for exhibition or florist useRoot	.60
COMMODORE (D). Very large canary yellow. One of the largest. A good grower worth much more than the price charged	.35	KELVIN (Australian) (I. D.) The color of the flowers is deep peach pink with very large blooms and is a fine new introduction. One of the top winners in 1947 shows	1.25
CROYDON MASTERPIECE (F. D.) This is it. A real GIANT and one of the FINEST Dahlias we have ever grown—bar none.		KENTUCKY —Decorative. A wonderful new shade of creamy pink. Long stems, excellent cut flower, good keeperRoot	.75
Color is majolica orange lightly suffused jasper red. Early, profuse, strong stems and healthy foliage. Blooms 12" to 14". A sure prize-winner everywhereRoot	1.00	KING OF THE BLACKS (D.) Positively the best black-red on the market today, bar none. Fine form, free blooming on long stems	.85

LOIS WALCHER (I. D.) Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. The color is a deep amaranth to pansy purple, with the outer one-third of petals a clear white. Stems are ideal, carrying the flower		PINK ALICE—Cactus—Soft rose pink with beautiful wavy petals,Roots	.50
facing and well above the foliageRoot	.75	ROSE GLORY (D.) Rose lavender in color, a very fine cut flower on long stems, very fine in every respect	20
MAFFIE Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine of stupendous size. The tremendous size of this dahlia puts considerable		Roots each	.30
strain on the stem. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage exceptionally heavyRoot	1.25	RUBY TAYLOR (FD) Ruby red with purple shadings. Fine large flower on vigorous bush.	.75
MARGRET W. WILSON Bloom 9x4, Bush 41/2 ft. Creamy white with phlox pink shadings and on reverse. Profuse	.50	SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO (P. C.) This was the most out- standing dahlia last season. Grand Champion Winner at our show. Hard to beat on the show table, wonderful stems,	
MARY ELIZABETH (I. D.) Bright cherry red. Always a winner in the large bloom class. On 4 Honor RollsRoot	1.50	good grower Sol	id Out
		SHERWOOD'S PEACH (AA-ID-Au) Soft orange-apricot blended with	
MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER (Holl 84B), Bloom 7x3, Bush 4 ft. Persian rose shading lighter. Very lovely prize winner. Fine branching habit and an early and profuse bloomer. Good for cutting	.50	peach makes this a very pleasing buff shade. A truly great giant but plant earlyRoot	.75
MICHIGAN WHITE (S. C.) One of the very best of the white cut-flower dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower		son of Satan An immense incurved cactus flame red with excellent stems. This sensational four Honor Roll dahlia is the strongest and most vigorous grower in our collection. The flowers are large and attractive	.75
is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Blooms are of medium sizeRoot	.75	SPARKLER (F. D.) Bright canary yellow of good size, a fine grower and	
MONARCH OF THE EAST Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. A giant dahlia on sturdy tree-like bush. Has been grown as large		root maker, fine garden varietyRoots	.50
as any. The color is light rich cadmium yellow with coral red shadings on reverse	.75	STOP LIGHT (S. C.) Scarlet red Semi Cactus. Blooms 7 to 8 inches in diameter by 5 inches in depth. Stiff cane-like stems, blooms facing. A 1952 introduction of great merit and win-	
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (I. D.) A fine new addition to the giant red class. Just naturally a big flower which has won many friends during the past season. Not only a grand exhibition flower but one you will be proud of in your		ner of many honors the past seasonRoot	1.25
garden,Řoot	.35	THE CARDINAL (S. C.) A beautiful spectrum red, one of the outstanding varieties of the year. Achievement medal winner	
MRS. E. J., (St. C.) Clear, brilliant pink with white at centers and very lightly tipped white. Exceptionally good in our garden and field. Winner of three Certificates of Merit in 1945		and many other awards. 10 to 12 inch blooms on good stems	.75
as follows: Storrs with a score of 85; East Lansing, 85.3; Cincinnati, 85.8. On Eastern Honor Roll	.7 5	THE REAL GLORY (F. D.) Bloom 10 x 5 inches. An excellent new crisp white formal. It has performed very well during the last year and is highly recommended. This one will have to be	
MRS. JAMES ALBIN (Formal Decorative) A florist variety. Bloom 7x4. Color is clear yellow. We highly recommend this dahlia for cutting. Blooms fairly early and continues till frost. Stems long and strong, bushes very healthy and free branch-		reckoned with on the show table. Excellent keeping qualities	.75
ing. Very goodRoot	.40	THOMAS A. EDISON (Dahl 85B), ML, Bloom 8x4½, Bush 4 ft. Impressive blooms of staghorn petal formation. Royal purple or petunia violet. Stems and bush grow strong. Grows	
MRS. HESTER PAPE (1. D.) 10x5 in. Reddish purple. The fine big blooms are unfailingly produced on nice stems. The big bushes, 5 ft. high, are well branched. This has been a big winner in shows over the country	d Out	rather slowly and appreciates extra culture and fertilization. Many awards	.50
MRS. THOS. A. EDISON (I. D.) A brilliant-flashing velvety red		TIDAL WAVE Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A deep yellow exhibition dahlia.	
to carmine bloom of 10 to 12 inches across and good depth. Strong straight stems and a husky grower	.50	Won many prizes in Australia and very popular here in the U. S. A. It has size, stem and is impressiveRoot	1.00
IDA DE VER WARNER—Formal Decorative. Large lavender. Very good. One of the best dahlias grown.	.35	VICTORY Bloom 10x6, bush 41/2 ft. Rose pink suffused gold. Here is a real knockout for sheer beauty. Flowers keep well and stem and bush growth excellent. Probably the most beau-	
NEGUS (F. D.) Oxblood red to almost black in center. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erectRoots	.50	tiful pink Formal Decorative to date	.40
NEW LOOK (S. C.) Very large empire yellow. One of the best		WHITE KING One of the leading pure whites with commercial growers.	40
yellows in recent years. Strong, healthy grower with blooms up to 12"Root	.50	The flowers are of perfect form and substance on good stems	40
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION—Incurved Cactus. Straw yellow heavily		W. H. T. (F. D.) Rich old rose on begonia rose with shades on the reverse of petals. It is a tall, robust grower, producing big flowers on strong	
overlaid with rhodamine pink. This is one of the best cactus dahlias. Finely formed on long stems. Free bloomer.	.75	stemsRoof	.50
OGDEN REID (Kelly-Parella, 1945) (F. D.) Spinel pink			
blended with rose pink and striping of promuline yellow, center deep rose. Very large blooms. 121/2x61/4 inches and		GIANT SPECIAL OFFER-No. 100	
larger. Canelike stems up to 15 inches. Vigorous grower, good bloomer	.50	One root of each of the following: Arthur Godfrey and G Treasure. Special advertising price.	olden \$1.00

BALL DAHLIAS

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of terra cotta. It has wonderful foliage and vigorous growth. Always a winner,	.40
CLARA CLEMENS Blooms of good size. Color, dark red, tipped white. This is a very striking dahlia, if you like two tone colors do not over look this good one. Roots	.50
GLORY-DE-FRANCE (Ball) A dandy growing ball dahlia, yellow mixed with red. Very fine and striking dahlia in every way. Roots	.30
MRS. C. D. ANDERSON. A mammoth purple-quilled ball dahlia with a silver sheen that keeps for days in the show room. We have at last a good supply of this Dahlia, which grows for everyone. Sold	l Out
JEAN KERR The finest of all the whites, always in bloomRoots	.50
LAVENDAR CALDWELL—Ball. Sport of Charlotte Caldwell. Very fine blooming. Low growth. Doesn't need stakingRoot	.50
ORANGE BALL (Ball) A beautiful orange shaded flower, fine	20

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These are the same formation as the very large dahlias only under about 3 inches in size. Fine for borders and small gardens, cutting and table use.

BISHOP OF LLANDAFF. A wonderful English bedding dahlia. In-	
tense red with dark bronze lacy foliage that contrasts beau-	
tifully with the flowerRoot	.50

- BO BO (Frank-Rocky River, 1948), F. D. Bloom 2 by 1½ inches, bush 4 ft. Bright primrose yellow suffused rose red. Long stems and good form. Excellent for arranging and exhibiting. Winner of many prizes. On 3 Honor Rolls.Root .40
- CARLA (Dahliadel 83C, 1934). Color is buff, heavily shaded old rose and suffused violet rose, a rich contrast to the dark green foliage. Ideal in the garden and for arrangements.

 Root .40
- IKE Bloom 3½x5x2. A beautiful blood red. Miniature that is fine for cutting. Described as having many tight, overlapping petals, each with lacinated tips. Has fine tight centers, and is a profuse bloomer.Root .50

- WHITE FAWN (F. D.) Waxy white. 3 inch bloom. Excellent substance. An extremely abundant bloomer. One of the best cut flowers. Dark glossy foliage on low compact bush. On three honor rolls. Certificates of merit at Storrs and Ohio.
- FAIRY (Miniature), E, Bloom 3½ x 2½, Bush 4 ft. A soft violet rose shading mauve at tips. Blooms early until late. Flowers uniform and keep well when cut. Good, strong, straight stems.

NOTICE! Many of these miniature dahlias will be included in our Giant Miniature and Pom Pom Dahlia Collection No. 4. These, however, will not be labeled.

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ALBINO. Small flowers of pure white. Free floweringRoot	.50
JONNY Pom pom. Red with yellow centerRoots	.40
LITTLE BUDDY (Lake 85), E, Bloom 2x13/4, Bush 31/2 ft. A soft lemon yellow that is a wonderful cut flower. Plenty of substance. Profuse and early	.50
MARY MUNNS (Bolsa 85), M, Bloom 1½, Bush 2½ ft. One of the best in phlox or mallow purple. Good for exhibition or cutting.	.25
MORNING MIST—Bloom 1 ½, bush 3 ½ ft. A fine cut flower with long stems. Color, white tipped lavender and rosy lavender at center. Some flowers a little large but very popular	.40
ROSALIE. White suffused pansy purpleRoot	.40
SHERRY (1939) Royal purple. Fine for exhibition and a good root maker	.50
SPY Bright red. One of the best in the red class. A good grower and bloomerRoots	.40
TINY TOT. Very small redRoots	.50
YELLOW GEM. A bright yellow. Good cutter.	.40
YOULETTE (Pom Pom). Fine light bronze yellow. Very free blooming, one of the finest small dahlias you have ever grown. Much in demandRoot	.50
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DAHLIA CULTURE

Space will not permit us to go over every detail in regard to soil. The fellow that tries this is taking quite a thing on his hands. Grow Dahlias where you would grow a good garden, this is all we have to offer.

DAHLIA STORAGE—This seems to be the big elephant on the hands of most growers. We suggest as follows, read carefully. Dig today and store today, not tomorrow. Do not allow to wilt under no consideration. As you dig, do not break necks, trim off all suckers and cut off the stalk as close as possible. Every inch of stalk is an inch of trouble. Avoid stem rot in this manner, store in barrels or boxes or large metal containers you can find at most any city dump. Cover all roots with peat moss, saw-dust or other material but our best suggestion is this, use old newspapers; wad these up and pack in just as snug as possible using all you possibly can. If you are a Flower Grower Reader, check this in their November issue. NOTE—The more parafine paper you can use the better. Such as bread wrappers, etc. Pack plenty snugly on top of the container or better still use Vermiculite.

ROOTED CUTTINGS—Plant in pots as soon as received from us. Not heavy soil and use no fertilizer to burn the tender roots. Grow as long as you can in a cold frame to harden off the same as you would any plant, such as tomatoes, etc., that you would secure from the greenhouse.

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